

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter • April 23, 2023 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Ruth Caudill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Raymond Cady

One: As you walk with us, as we journey together,

Many: Lord, your word fills our hearts!

One: As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

Many: Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!

One: As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

Many: may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 560

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

SHOWALTER

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Raymond Cady

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (ALL)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

HYMN No. 586

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

SCRIPTURE

[Luke 24:13-35](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

“I Can See Clearly Now”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus’ with ‘I Can See Clearly Now’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ is with you.

Many: **And also with you...**

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of April 23, we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: To remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Baptist Women in Ministry seeks to be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women. 2023 marks the 40th anniversary of the organization!

Church Check-in

Our next Church Check-in will be on **April 30th, AFTER worship**. Please plan to join us in person or via Zoom!

Card Crafting Day

Ever wanted to make a special card? Have a special person who needs something just as special as they are? Need some ideas for those special photos? Come spend a few hours learning some basic skills and techniques.. Annie Campbell has skills and tools and inspirational ideas to help you bring that special project to life! Papers, Supplies and tools will be available so all you need is YOU.

If you have something special you want to do, let us know. If you don't have a place for your creation(s) we can donate cards to families at the Ronald McDonald house who are staying there and wish to have greeting cards to send to loved ones who have given support. Let us know you are coming and if you are bringing a guest(s) so we have plenty of supplies on hand. April 29, from 1-4pm.

Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry

All are welcome to join Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry on May 5, 2023, at Feast, a daylong celebration that includes worship, breakout sessions, fellowship, and of course an amazing meal! Held this year at River Road Church, Baptist, from 10am - 4:30pm, the theme, "Re-Create," will guide us as we take a look at the new things God is doing in our midst as well as the new places that God is calling us to in our lives. Learn more and register at www.vbwim.org/feast-2023/. (VBWIM celebrates 35 years of awareness, affirmation, and advocacy around women in ministry. The national organization, Baptist Women in Ministry, is one of our ministry partners.)

Worship isn't the same without you...

...and we'd love to have your help! We need volunteers to help on Sunday mornings by leading the Call to Worship and the Prayers of the People, and to facilitate the Zoom room. Contact Anita to sign up (alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org)!

Study Opportunities

- Thursday mornings at 10am - the book of Acts
- Sunday mornings at 9am - *Do I Stay Christian?* By Brian McLaren
- Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm - *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans

Page Turners Book Club

A new book has been chosen! The book to read and discuss in May is *The Reading List* by Sarah Nisha Adams. We will meet on May 21st at 4pm.

Back Pack Update!

Keep bringing in those grocery bags!!! We are packing 36 double bags each week! If you have questions about the process let Dixie know! Contact information can be found on REALM.

Hymn Texts

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Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;

O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning on the everlasting arms.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

